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Hi Jim, thought you would find this interesting. We are inundated with drinking water well samples from DIMOCK PA, located just North of Scranton. It's a very politically charged situation with the governor of Pa pro drilling -hand in pocket- and the Pa DEP guiding Cabot (gas driller) who was providing bottled water to the residents of Dimock to stop providing water.

The EPA is currently providing bottled water to these folks while we here at the Science Center are doing a complete analysis of their water. I think a split sample is being analyzed by the gas companies. Looks like a court date.

I'm looking at semivolatiles by GC/MS. Haven't found anything so far (about 50 samples analyzed) over our low level reporting limit of 5 ppb. Bis-2-ethylhexyl phthalate was the highest hit at 2.5 ppb. Probably leached from their PVC plumbing...

You can probably follow what's happening if you google Dimock and EPA. Or local Scranton Pa news. We made CBS news on UTUBE from last Friday.

Best Regards,

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